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To: Friends and Colleagues
From: Advocates in Action

We are pleased to announce that applications for the Leadership Series Class of 2011 are now available! You will find a copy attached and can download additional copies at our website:

www.advocatesinaction.org/leaders.php

Applications and 2 letters of support are due back no later than Thursday, July 22nd. Refer to the Leadership Series Information (also attached) for additional information.

We're also sending out ticket order forms for our 10th Annual Beach Bash. Thanks to the support of the Moran Foundation, we've been able to keep ticket prices to just \$30 per person (price increases to \$35 per person if ordered after July 29th). This includes dancing, beach access, carousel rides and a luncheon buffet of clam cakes, chowder, soft drinks, and a summertime grill assortment. Tickets for this popular event sell out early every year. Please help us spread the word and order yours soon!

As always, thank you for your support. Together, we're making a difference!

Happy Summer!

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The Leadership Series

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The Leadership Series is a 10 month learning experience for Rhode Islanders who have a developmental disability, family members, friends and direct support staff.

The Series helps people learn how to speak up for themselves and make a difference.

Each class is interactive and fun! That means that everyone who joins us will be involved in exercises, skits and other activities that teach about:



It's ok if you don't read or write. We use pictures, video and audio tapes, games and other interesting materials. Everyone has a way to understand what's going on!

The Series begins with an overnight retreat on **Tuesday August 31st - Wednesday, September 1st, 2010 at Alton Jones campus in West Greenwich, RI.** Everyone in the class must attend the retreat.

After our retreat, the Leadership Series meets approximately twice a month from September thru May. Classes are on a Wednesday afternoon in Pawtucket (on the public bus route). There are also homework assignments and extra events to attend between classes. Everyone who completes the Series will graduate at a formal ceremony in June, 2011.



The Leadership Series is FREE. A good faith deposit may be required. This will be returned once an individual completes the Series and graduates. Space is limited and applying does not guarantee that you will be accepted.



Applications and two (2) letters of support are due no later than

Thursday, July 22nd, 2010

Once we receive your application, you may be invited to an interview in August, 2010.

If you need to bring a Support Person with you, that person should also complete an application to join the Leadership Series Class of 2011.



Speak-Up, Become a Leader and Make a Difference!

**APPLICATION FORM for
The Leadership Series Class of 2011**

Please print or type and use **BLACK INK ONLY**.



The Leadership Series is for RI Residents who have a developmental disability, family members, friends and support staff. Applicants must be age 16 or older.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE/ZIP:

HOME PHONE:

WORK/CELL PHONE:

EMAIL:

*** Class members must have a way to connect through email. If you don't have an email address, share a family or friend's address that you will be able to use.*



If you belong to a Self-Advocacy group, which one is it?

MY SELF-ADVOCACY GROUP IS:

If you are connected with a support agency, and/or have a contact person who helped you fill out this application, list this information below:

CONTACT:

AGENCY:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE/ZIP:

PHONE:

CELL/PAGER:

EMAIL:

Space for the Leadership Series is limited!

Applications and Support Letters are due Thursday, July 22nd, 2010

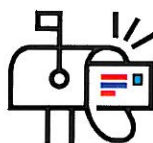
If your application is accepted, you will be invited to an interview to talk about your interest in the Leadership Series.

Everyone who wants to be in the Class needs to attend an interview.



**** Do not send a fax ****
Original material must be mailed.

Call or email us if you prefer to
hand deliver your application.



Mail to: Advocates in Action
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Check all that apply:

- ☐ I am a person with a developmental disability
- ☐ Someone in my immediate family has a developmental disability
- ☐ I am a support person and will be attending the Leaderships Series with:

- ☐ I use a wheelchair/walker/scooter
- ☐ I need an accessible room at the retreat
- ☐ I have the following dietary needs/food allergies:
- ☐ I have these additional access requests:
- ☐ I need to bring a support person with me*. Their name is:

* Support staff who will be attending should complete a separate application for the Leadership Series and be ready to participate at the retreat and in class.

- ☐ I have the following medical conditions that I need to make the Leadership Series staff aware of:

Answer these questions. Use extra paper if needed. Put your name on each page.



How do you spend your time? Tell us about any of these that apply: your job, volunteer work, currently taking classes/in school, a member of any clubs or organizations, etc.



Tell us about a time that you spoke up about something that was important to you. What did you speak up about? What happened?
What did you learn from the experience?





Why do you want to be in the Leadership Series? A lot of people will be applying and space is limited. Why should we pick you?



ATTACH YOUR
PHOTO HERE:

OR INCLUDE ONE WITH
YOUR APPLICATION

Everyone who applies must send 2 Letters of Support

Support letters should come from people who know you well enough to tell us why you should be in the class. For example: friends, teachers, family, employers, etc. Only ONE letter may be from a family member. Only ONE letter may be from an agency that provides you with support services.



Letters are due by Thursday, July 22nd, 2010



List the 2 people who are sending your Letters of Support:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



I am applying to be in the Leadership Series Class of 2011!

This is my application. I understand that Advocates in Action may contact me and invite me to come in for an interview after they get this.

If I am accepted into the Leadership Series, I agree to:

- ✓ Attend the overnight retreat in East Greenwich, RI on Tuesday, August 31 through Wednesday, September 1st, 2010.
- ✓ Attend the classes that take place twice a month on Wednesday afternoons.
- ✓ Complete homework, work on class projects and attend out of class activities and trips.
- ✓ Attend the 2010 Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference, Thursday, October 28th, Warwick, RI.
- ✓ Attend the 2011 Statewide Meeting (Spring 2011, date to be announced).
- ✓ Stay connected outside of class by email.

Signature or mark of applicant

Date

Signature or mark of witness

Date



Have a Bash at the Beach!

Advocates in Action invites YOU to join us for our 10th Annual Beach Bash!

This year's Bash takes place on **Thursday, August 19th** at
Easton's Beach in Newport. It starts at 11:00am and ends at 3:00pm.

ORDER FORM

(If you are ordering more than one ticket, list additional names on the other side, or include an extra page with names.)

Please **PRINT CLEARLY**. You will NOT receive tickets in the mail. Include your phone number, fax or e-mail in case we have to contact you about the Bash.

PERSON ATTENDING: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Enclosed is \$30 for my ticket (*price ON/BEFORE July 29th, 2010*)

☐ Enclosed is \$35 for my ticket (*price AFTER July 29th, 2010*)

Space is limited and payment is due WITH your order. Price includes lunch, soda, DJ dancing, beach access, carousel rides and TONS OF FUN!

EVERYONE who attends must have a ticket. Tickets are non-refundable, but you can transfer them to someone else if you are unable to attend. The Beach Bash is a very popular event and tickets usually sell out. Order now to reserve your spot!

Make Checks Payable/ Mail To:

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ORDER FORM FOR GROUP TICKETS

(If you are only ordering one ticket, use the form on the other side)

Please **PRINT CLEARLY**. You will NOT receive tickets in the mail. Include your phone number or e-mail in case we have to contact you about the Bash.

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

ATTENDEES (PLEASE PRINT!)

1)	11)
2)	12)
3)	13)
4)	14)
5)	15)
6)	16)
7)	17)
8)	18)
9)	19)
10)	20)

PAYMENT INFORMATION

_____ (total # tickets) X \$30 = \$_____ (price **ON/BEFORE** July 29th, 2010)

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